New U.S. Patent Application of Bruecken

Canceling and Preliminary Amendment: Attorney Docket No.: P-56 MG

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed with a National Phase PCT application in the U.S. based on an English translation of PCT/DE03/02121 (priority, June 27, 2002). The claims initially contained one independent claim (claim 1), one single dependent claim (claim 2) and 7 multiple dependent claims (claims 3-9). This Amendment cancels claim 3 and rewrites it as two new claims, 10 and 11, each with a single dependency, and amends the remaining claims so each is solely dependent on claim 1. As there are now only one independent claim and nine single dependent claims, there is no need for extra claims charges. No matter has been changed, and no new matter has been added. It is believed that this application is now in better condition for examination.

Applicant hereby petitions that any and all extensions of time necessary to render this response timely be granted. Costs for such extensions and/or any other fee due with this fee due with this paper that are not fully covered by an enclosed check may be charged to Deposit Acct. #10-0100.

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